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To whom it may concern,

I live in Australia, and really dont have a right to put my views forward, however, I would like to try at least put a few views forward and hope these are heard.

Firstly, I do not believe microsoft plays fairly with others at all and have seen and read to many incidents that have not been fair, but for some reason, they (Microsoft) can get away with it every time. All I want to see is Microsoft to play fair and compete fairly with other companies. Personally I, and many believe that Microsoft is above the law anyway, and if America does actually prove it self, would monitor and help other companies to be able to compete on a level playing field with microsoft. Lets put the above words into perspective a little.

Since Microsoft does not allow developers or other companies to see the underlying code to the OS, how can anyone create a third Party product to compete with there "Add - On" products. Microsoft will alway have the upper hand and produce a product that works faster and more effecient than a third party can ever do. So lets take the motor industry into consideration as an example. If a third party brakes product could not perform as good or as reliable as the original manufacturers brakes, accidents would happen more often and would then be dangerous to use these third party products on your motor vehicle.

This be unfair to both the third party company producing the products and the consumer as well.

Secondly, why is it in the past that when a company acheives (I have only heard this, but maybe you can correct me on this) 70% monopoly, the company is split up, but microsoft some how acheives a 90% monopoly and manages to still stay together and above all is dictating how they should be "punished" (If you even call the punishment a punishment).

This is the reason that microsoft is declared in many places as Americas new Government. Ultimately, Microsoft is above the Law and America is defensless.

What I personally think should happen to them is as follows....

1. Open up the core operating system source code, this would allow companies to compete better with microsoft. (However, they can keep the source to there own "Add - On" products because this is what they actually are.)
2. If Microsoft uses standards from other companies or organisation's, they must be forced to obey by there specifications, none of the extend rubbish. What should happen is they should have to submit the change to the protocol to the board of who maintains the standards, and only add

the extension's if the board approves of it. (Kerberos as an example).

The reason I am adding this is simply because Kerberos is NOT THERE PROTOCOL. So why should they add extensions to it and WITH HOLD the changes from the world. This is not fair at all!!!! (I believe this has been rectified, but shows there true colors anyway!!!)

3. Any new product that is attached and uses the network through "proprietary" protocols should be opened up for others to investigate and interoperate with.

Anyhow, I could keep going but I have said a few things to start what I feel and think. Just incase you just dismiss this letter becuase it is not American Originated, I should not waste my entire time writing a letter that will most likely end up in the trashcan anyway.

Yours Sincerely

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